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**Sen. Van Woerkom awarded for Senate service**

**LANSING** — Sen. Gerald Van Woerkom, R-Norton Shores, on Wednesday received the Distinguished Service Award from the Michigan Business and Professional Association and the Michigan Food and Beverage Association. The groups cited Van Woerkom's work on behalf of small businesses, diversity and food safety.

"It's been a pleasure to serve in the Senate on behalf of small-business owners, who create so many Michigan jobs," said Van Woerkom, who chairs the Senate Agriculture, Forestry and Tourism Committee. "My committee has worked hard to find ways to promote foods produced here in Michigan."

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A photo of Van Woerkom receiving the award is available at  
[www.senate.michigan.gov/gop/photowire/VanWoerkom/VanWoerkom.htm](http://www.senate.michigan.gov/gop/photowire/VanWoerkom/VanWoerkom.htm).